

Draft Minutes of the General Meeting of the Kingston Field Naturalists held April 21, 2022, 7:30 p.m., by way of Internet “Zoom” format. This was the Annual General Meeting.

Ken Edwards welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

Agenda: Chris Hargreaves made the motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by Larry McCurdy; carried.

Minutes: Bruce Elliott made the motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Richard Lott; carried.

President’s Review

Ken gave an review of KFN’s activities and accomplishments in 2021/2022, among them:

- the effects of the Covid pandemic on KFN activities
- work that had been done on KFN properties
- the approval of the tax incentive for the Sylvester/Gallagher property on Amherst Island and work being done on the management plan for the property
- review of the Field Trips, Rambles, Juniors and Teens activities, KFN publications, and issues being dealt with and monitored by the Conservation Committee
- in moving forward, a list of upcoming events

Treasurer’s Report

Larry McCurdy presented the Treasurer’s Report, showing the Income and Expense Reports for 2021/2022, and went over items on these reports. Larry noted that the entire fiscal year has taken place during the pandemic which has imposed unpredictable lockdowns and restrictions on KFN activities and expenditures with abnormal results as would be expected. The Income Expense Statement and explanatory footnotes were followed by the Balance Sheet, which

gives an overall picture of the financial status, which leaves KFN's financial position as healthy. Some of the highlights Larry pointed out were:

-donations to other groups to purchase property

-the Community Foundation matching grant project

-donation to Sandy Pines Wildlife Center

-property tax reduction for the Sylvester/Gallagher property on Amherst Island, now designated as Managed Forest thanks to work by Paul Mackenzie and other KFN members

-taxidermy expenses

-a successful shift to Pay Pal to receive various payments such as membership and donations

Larry presented the Proposed Budget for 2022/2023 and went over items on the report. Larry McCurdy made the motion to accept the proposed Budget as presented, seconded by David McMurray; carried.

Nominations. The Nominating Committee members were Anthony Kaduck, Chair, Anne Robertson, Richard Brault and Diane Croteau. Anthony showed the slate of Nominations for the Executive Committee 2022/2023 which included 2 extra Members at Large but with the Vice President position vacant; a candidate is still being sought for Vice President. There was only one candidate for each of the positions on the slate, so this was an acclaimed slate of Officers and Committee members.

Auditors: Auditors for the 2021/2022 Financial records will be Diane Croteau and Kevin Bleeks; the Auditors' report will appear in the September issue of *Blue Bill*.

Speakers. Presentations were given by Janet Elliott, *Quest for the Freshwater Limpet*, and Rose-Marie Burke, *The Nature that Surrounds Me: A Sampling of What I See in My Backyard*. Ken thanked the Speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m., there were 35 people in attendance.